

Calling of the disciples: Matthew 4.18-25

1. **Gusteau, from the movie Ratatouille, on calling:** “If you focus on what you have left behind, you will never be able to see what lies ahead.” Do you agree? In what ways can a person be trapped in the past?

2. ***He wants all of you, not just part.*** What does this mean, living in our modern world? Is following Christ a spiritual thing alone, or does it involve the physical? If so, in what way?

3. ***Jesus isn't looking for the brightest and the best. He chooses fishermen. The ones who never made it. They're just regular guys, not scholars.*** What encouragement do you draw from Jesus choice of disciples? Is it possible to misread the story and glorify “regular guys” over “scholars?”

4. **Memorizing Scripture.** What place does memorization of Scripture have in the life of a Christian? Do you memorize portions of Scripture? If so, what is the benefit of doing so?

5. **Calling.** How does God call you? Into what has God called you in your life? Are you “stuck” waiting for a calling? Discuss this in the group.